

WAGE SUBSIDY SUCCESS STORY 2014



Elliot Thompson, Maintenance Worker for the Waterfront District BIA

“Not having a formal education had proven difficult to find work in Thunder Bay, even jobs like labourer or landscaper are scarce and taken by younger people with college/university degrees. Having spent the last decade in the military, transitioning from Special Forces Communicator to civilian was harder than I anticipated. The Wage Subsidy program offered by AETS has helped in more ways than just getting a job with the Waterfront District BIA. I’ve gained valuable interpersonal skills, knowledge of coordinating events and a foot in the door of the downtown business community” states Elliot Thompon, now Head of Maintenance of the Waterfront District BIA. Elliot was funded by AETS for a period of 25 weeks and upon completion of the program became an employee of the Waterfront District BIA.

“This is not only a job to pay the bills and the means to take good care of my family the way I was raised to.....this is a portfolio additive, one of my building stones to achieving my future goal, quite possibly the connections I could use in future endeavours. If in the near future my plans work out, the Waterfront District BIA won’t be paying Elliot Thompson, they will be paying the private company of Mr. Elliot Thompson for the maintenance of the beautiful waterfront area!”